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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2008.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. *No additional claims fees are due.*

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.